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APPENDIX.

[Vide page 471 supra.]

INSTANCES OF RESOLUTIONS DEALT WITH.

A.—In the pre-Reform Council.

- (1) 7th April 1910 ... "That the Madras Government may be pleased to appoint an Indian of proved merit and ability as a Member of the Madras Board of Revenue."

The hon. Mr. Hammick spoke for Government; the Motion was withdrawn.

- (2) 7th April 1910 ... "That an Indian be appointed as an Under Secretary to the Government of Madras as such an appointment has been listed as thrown open to Members of the Provincial Service."

The hon. Mr. Hammick spoke for Government; the Motion was lost.

- (3) 21st November 1916. "That this Council recommends to His Excellency in Council that for at least one Member's place in the Board of Revenue an Indian may be appointed."

The hon. Sir Alexander Cardew opposed the original Motion; it was subsequently amended and passed in its amended form.

The attitude of Government on each occasion.

B.—In the Reform Council.

- (1) 11th March 1921
(pages 830-32).

This Council recommends to the Government that the two posts of Conservators of Forests recently sanctioned by the Secretary of State for India may be reserved for officers of the Provincial Forest Service.

Opposed on the ground that the objects in view have already been fully secured by the decisions of the Government of India. Resolution was withdrawn. The hon. Sir Lionel Davidson took part.

- (2) 2nd April 1921
(pages 1590-92).

This Council recommends to the Government that, with a view to giving effect to the recommendation of the Public Service Commission recruitment in Judicial offices may be made directly from the Bar and that such recruitment may be made for the next five years from amongst non-Brahman Hindus, Christians and Muhammadans so as to secure a due representation of all the different communities in the judicial service.

Opposed on the ground of limitations imposed by the Secretary of State. The hon. Sir K. Srinivasa Ayyangar took part.

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(3) 5th August 1921 (pages 424 and 429).	That this Council recommends to the Government that a Standing Order to be issued <i>to every officer</i> or board or body of officers authorized to make appointments to the public service to give preference to candidates from the non-Brahman communities (including therein Christians,	Resolution as amended by the Government, carried. The hon. Mr. A. R. Knapp took part.
Muhammadans and members of the depressed classes) until a proportion of at least 66 per cent amongst offices carrying a salary of Rs. 100 per mensem and upwards and a proportion of 75 per cent amongst offices carrying a salary less than Rs. 100 are reached, within a period of seven years from this date so long as such candidates possess the minimum qualifications prescribed by the rules relating to appointments to the public services, although such candidates may be less qualified than Brahman candidates.		
(4) 3rd September 1921 (pages 785 and 789).	That this Council recommends to the Government that appointments of assistant registrars of co-operative societies may be generally made from the senior grade tahsildars and last grade deputy collectors and that senior grade deputy collectors who are at present employed may be reverted to their permanent appointments.	The Government said that the matter was under consideration and the resolution was withdrawn. The hon. Sir (then Mr.) K. V. Reddi Nayudu, Development Minister, took part.
(5) 14th September 1922 (pages 248-253- 255).	That this Council recommends to the Government that at least one Conservator of Forests, one Deputy Inspector-General of Police and one Member of the Board of Revenue be Indians.	The question of His Excellency's prerogative was referred to by the hon. Sir Charles Todhunter; but the point was not pressed. The hon. Mr. Knapp stated that he would advise His Excellency to appoint an Indian when practicable. The hon. Sir Habib-ul-lah Sahib, Revenue Member, took part.

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ment of Mysore. I hope the matter has been more or less settled by means of this despatch. Sir, we did not expect that the Metur project would come to the stage of being started so soon as this. We in the Coimbatore district expect that an opportunity will be given to raise the question whether at least some of the water that will be stored in the Metur reservoir will not be made available for the Coimbatore district. I believe, Sir, at one time there was a proposal to run a channel from the right bank of the reservoir into the Coimbatore district and irrigate some of the lands there. I believe the possibility of doing it has not been completely investigated or decided in any way finally. Now that the matter has come to a head, I request the hon. Member for Irrigation to consider this question also and see whether a portion of the water that is going to be stored at Metur cannot be made available for Coimbatore. By doing that there will be a double advantage. The Coimbatore district is a dry district and its inhabitants are sometimes very near famine. For instance, in the current year there has been no rain and in several portions of the district, the condition is very grave indeed. Cattle are being sold for a third of their purchase value. If a portion of the Coimbatore district can be irrigated with the water stored in the Metur reservoir, this state of things can be improved. If water is taken to Coimbatore, the same water can be utilized for half the acreage below the district, that is to say, the water that will be available for irrigating 50,000 acres in the Tanjore district can be made available for irrigating 50,000 acres in Coimbatore district and another 25,000 acres in Tanjore. So, in that way there will be a double advantage. The only thing we have to consider in this case is whether it will be possible to run a channel from the right bank of the Metur reservoir. So far as I have been able to make out, and so far as I have been able to consult the engineering opinion that was available, I understand that it is possible. So I earnestly request the hon. the Member for Irrigation to bear this in mind and have an investigation made as to the feasibility of this scheme. As I said already, these two schemes are big schemes and the sooner we bring them to a head and start them, the better for our Presidency. Therefore, we have really to be thankful to the hon. the Irrigation Member and not find fault with him for having come to a decision and started the schemes. With these words I very gladly support the main Motion."

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Sir, in replying to the observations which fell from some of my hon Friends, will they permit me to thank them for their very helpful remarks, which will certainly be carefully borne in mind? Let me, in the first place, tell the hon. Member from Ganjam something with regard to the Girisola project. Sir, with regard to this the survey is complete. Earth-work has been ordered to be started and by the time we meet for the Budget, a very great deal of progress will, I am confident, have been made with regard to it.

" I shall next turn to Coimbatore. With regard to that, it is doubtless possible that by a system of channels that district may perhaps be benefited by the Metur reservoir. But it is too soon to say what exactly is going to happen. It will depend very much upon the amount of money we are able to get from the Government of India and the way in which we are able to fashion our reservoir and our channels. If our estimates are sanctioned in their entirety, I believe the reservoir may have enough storage to permit of that. I do not desire to give this as an assurance, but I am only mentioning it as a possibility.